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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT OPERATION "GHOST ZONE"
SITUATION AS OF 0900 HRS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

REF: LA PAZ 04787

1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. OPERATION GHOST ZONE BEGAN ITS SECOND DAY OF ACTIVITIES WITH A VIOLENT ENCOUNTER BETWEEN UMOPAR/DEA SNOWCAP PERSONNEL AND NARCO-TRAFFICKERS IN THE NORTH CENTRAL TOWN OF AROMA. A RAID BY 13 UMOPAR AND DEA ON A SUSPECTED COCAINE PROCESSING LABORATORY RESULTED IN A GUNFIGHT BETWEEN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND ABOUT 9 TRAFFICKERS. WHILE NO ONE WAS WOUNDED IN THE SHOOTING, ONE UMOPAR RECEIVED INJURIES INCURRED IN HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT. ULTIMATELY, FOUR OF NINE TRAFFICKERS WERE ARRESTED AND THE REMAINDER ESCAPED. WEAPONS, 200 KILOGRAMS OF COCA BASE, A HAND HELD RADIO AND A TRUCK WERE SEIZED IN THE RAID. FOLLOWING THE FIGHT, THE RAIDERS MOVED FURTHER INTO AROMA AND HIT PRESELECTED TARGETS, RESULTING IN THE ARREST OF 18 MORE PERSONS.

3. FURTHER DETAILS HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE ABOUT YESTERDAY'S INITIAL OPERATIONS. THE RAID ON THE TOWN OF SINAHOTA RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF: LARGE QUANTITIES OF KEROSENE, DIESEL FUEL AND DRYING PAPER, THREE TONS OF LIME, 85 KG OF BICARBONATE OF SODA, 35 LITERS OF HYDROCHLORIC ACID, 150 LITERS OF AMMONIA, TWO BASE LABS, NINE PASTE LABS AND ONE TRUCK. FOLLOWING THE RAIDS ON SINAHOTA AND CHIMORE ON 24 MARCH, UMOPAR-DEA ELEMENTS RAIDED THE EAST CENTRAL TOWN OF EL ONCE AND ARRESTED A FURTHER ELEVEN PERSONS.

4. FURTHER SITUATION REPORTS WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN DUE COURSE. BOWERS
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